

## today's hot line

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An attorney living in Farmington Township played a key role in the recent settlement in Genesee County which resulted in 16 assistant prosecutors returning to work.

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# Police Will Replace Radar With Computer

By EMORY DANIELS

Although only a few years old, radar is already becoming an obsolete police tool to enforce posted speed limits.

The accuracy of the computer is entering the law enforcement field, and in the future motorists will be given little opportunity to exceed speed limits undetected if a police vehicle is anywhere nearby.

The Department of Public Safety in the City of Farmington is adding to its arsenal of traffic enforcement tools two Vascar Speed Timers.

A VASCAR SPEED TIMER is a digital computer which computes speed over distance to accurately and instantly figure the speed of another vehicle.

Robert Deadman, public safety director, says by using the mini-computer a patrol car will not have to pace another vehicle to determine its speed.

Pacing is the method used when a patrolman drives up behind a motorist he suspects of speeding and drives at the same speed for a stretch until he can clock the speed of the other car.

The other alternative is radar.

patrol car must park at the side of the road and register the speed of the other car only at the point that car passes the beam of the radar.

DEADMAN SAID the Vascar timer is extremely valuable because it can compute speed of vehicles traveling in any direction.

The patrolman can clock a car coming in the opposite direction by picking a landmark on the side of the road and pushing a button on the computer when the car reaches that point. When the car being clocked passes by the patrol car, the officer pushes another button and then pushes a third button when the patrol car reaches the selected landmark.

Instantly, the computer tells the officer that speed the other car was traveling. If it is over the posted speed, the officer can turn around and pursue.

The patrolman, by using the computer, can also check on the speed of a car driving behind him by watching his rear-view mirror.

The computer can also be used stationary and would then act much like a radar unit.

Deadman said the Michigan State Police now use the Vas-

car units and experience phenomenal accuracy.

IT IS STRICTLY a measuring device, he continued, and has been used in the Daytona 500 to measure speed with accuracy.

State Police will again an officer from the department use the Vascar timer and the officer will then return and trail other patrolmen in the department.

Deadman said the Vascar unit will be much more acceptable in court as evidence than radar has been.

The unit is a one-man operation and can be moved easily from one car to another, says Deadman.

Deadman also added that the computer checks the average speed of the motorists during the distance the patrolman is checking him, which is faster to the motorists.

A radar, Deadman continued, picks up the car at only one speed which could be unfair if the car was accelerating to pass and then slowed down.

ANOTHER ADVANTAGE is the Vascar timer can be purchased for \$1,000 compared to the \$1,400 price tag for a radar unit.

Deadman expects the Vascar timers will be more reliable and will not need as much repair as radar.

The purchase of the two Vascar units is even more economical for the city which, through a federal grant is buying them on a two-for-the-price-of-one basis.

Because the federal government will pay for 50% of the cost, the city will only pay \$1,000 for the two units.

THE CITY COUNCIL Monday night, after hearing Deadman's presentation, readily agreed to kick-in the city's share.

Purchase of the Vascar timers is part of a package which will see the Department of Public Safety and \$4,200 worth of equipment under the federal grant for traffic safety. The city's share for the total package will be \$2,100.

AMONG THE OTHER equipment being added is a Porto Power hydraulic rescue. It is worth \$400. It is a portable, hydraulic jack to be used at accident scenes.

The jack can not only be used to lift up a car but also has a scissors device to pry open jammed car doors. And it also can utilize a chain to

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COMPATRIOT—Complete with Swedish flag on his lapel, exchange student Per-Ake Lagerback of Stockholm, Sweden, locates a spot on the map of Michigan where many of his countrymen have settled. (Evert photo)

# Swedish Youth Dispels Myths About Homeland

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Per-Ake Lagerback of Stockholm, Sweden, says you can't classify Americans.

Since coming to this country as a Youth for Understanding exchange student Per-Ake has met many Americans. He has met them in the home of his host family, the Haros, Sharps of 31819 N. Marklawn, Farmington, and in his classes at North Farmington High.

And he says our differences are never more apparent than on the question of the Vietnam War.

"Even in the same class at school," says the Swedish lad, "there is so much difference in how they think — some are real hawks, some are real doves. I can't say what Americans really think. They all think so differently."

ON THE SUBJECT of Vietnam deserters who have fled to Sweden, Per-Ake is sympathetic and says all his countrymen are.

"More people in Sweden try to understand why they have left our country. We haven't had a war since 1815 and we find it hard to understand why a country would go to war."

He adds: "I think as a neutral country, we should let them stay and try to help them. Many well-known Swedish people have left them stay in their homes — people like actors."

"There are now 350 Americans in Sweden and we have them go to school to learn Swedish so that they can get jobs. Outside Stockholm is a farm where deserters can

work and they can become Swedish citizens in seven years.

"If Sweden should have a war like Vietnam, I would try to get out of it. I would have a hard time fighting for something I didn't believe in. And as a Swede, I don't believe in any kind of war."

ON ANOTHER LINE of communication between this country and Sweden — the Swedish art films like "I Am Curious (Yellow)," Per-Ake believes he has figured out why they are sent to this country.

"We only export our dirtiest films. They make more money."

"But even at that, 'I Am Curious (Yellow)' was censored in Sweden a couple of years ago. Now we don't have all that censorship, except for violence. We make an age limit of 11 years for kids and 15 years for adults."

(Per-Ake is a trifle hard to understand when he says "violence." He pronounces it "violence," saying "I pronounce my 'v's' like 'w's,' meaning he pronounces his 'V's' like 'W's')."

ALTHOUGH THIS BOY who has trouble with "I" comes from a country with a monarchy, he claims King Gustav Adolf is not a hero to the Swedes.

"We don't have any heroes. More and more every year people are saying we should get rid of the king because he has nothing to say and the

government pays for his support. He has no political powers.

"It's undemocratic that someone should be born a king, so there's a chance when he dies he'll be the last king. I think the only purpose a king serves is for the tourists."

Asked if Alfred Nobel of the Nobel Peace Prize is a Swedish hero, Per-Ake again says: "No, he is also not a hero, not any more than the scientists who worked on the atomic bomb. But like those scientists, his intentions were peaceful. He intended dynamite to be used for only peaceful things. Many scientists who worked on the atomic bomb were opposed to it."

BECAUSE he is a Swede, Per-Ake is naturally a skier. He has been happy to find skiing popular in this country, but says: "At home it is much cheaper. Here it is a rich man's sport."

Speaking of cheap and rich, the exchange student comments that taxes are much higher in his homeland to support Sweden's socialist economy.

But he points out that these higher taxes go toward free education and supported medical care.

"If you have good grades," he explains, "you go to the university. When you go to the university, you get \$1,425 a year. Out of that you really get \$325 that you don't pay back to the government. The rest you can pay back later in life when you have a job."



WORLD OF MUSIC—Flanders School pupils Phyllis Doolittle and Bryne O'Neill are fascinated with the bassoon Charles Sirard shows them. Sirard appeared in a woodwind concert at the school under the auspices of Excursions in Music of Detroit Adventure, Inc. (Evert photo)

## May Add Another Challenge

# Will Boundary Lawsuit Expand?

By EMORY DANIELS

A hearing is being held today (Wednesday) which could result in consolidating all legal challenges on Farmington boundary matters into one lawsuit.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Frederick Ziem set the hearing to decide a request from Farmington Township to make two changes in its lawsuit against the State Boundary Commission and Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

The request was filed by Joseph T. Brennan, township attorney, on Feb. 5.

THE FIRST CHANGE is to have Robert McConnell, who petitioned the state on Oct. 13 for an election to incorporate the township and both villages, added as an interested party to the lawsuit.

McConnell would enter the case as a plaintiff, claiming a grievance against the state for illegally rejecting the October incorporation petition.

If granted, this change will satisfy objections made by Burton Shifman, special counsel in the case for the City of Farmington.

Shifman objected earlier that the petitioner as an aggrieved party must file the lawsuit, not the township.

THE SECOND CHANGE is that the lawsuit be expanded to include a challenge against the state's rejection on Jan. 21 of the substitute petition filed by McConnell.

(The Boundary Commission rejected the October incorporation petition claiming the combination of a township and two villages could only be accomplished through consolidation.

McConnell then petitioned asking the commission to substitute the word "consolidation" for the word "incorporation" in his October petition.)

According to statute, McConnell has only 30 days or until Feb. 21 to file an appeal in court on the Boundary Commission's rejection of his substitute petition.

If the second is granted, the wish of the assistant attorney general handling the case for the Boundary Commission will be satisfied.

Chuck Hackney, the commission's attorney, had urged that all the eggs be placed in one basket so all objections could be ruled upon at one time, before one judge.

THERE IS STILL a possibility that McConnell will file a lawsuit separately before Feb. 21 challenging rejection of the substitute.

McConnell told the Farmington Enterprise & Observer a final decision would not be made until he meets with the steering committee of the State to Preserve Our Boundaries. His course of action will be most beneficial to township and village residents.

ATTORNEYS ALREADY in the lawsuit were to have filed briefs on Feb. 11 but Ziem granted a delay until after today's hearing.

Brennan and McConnell's attorney, David Greenspan, general handling the case for the township is joining the lawsuit.

One big advantage would be the cost of the lawsuit would not have to come from McConnell's pocket should he file a separate lawsuit.

Also, if McConnell files separately his appeal could be assigned to another judge and the two judges then involved might arrive at conflicting decisions.

McConnell said Greenspan reduced all the legal alternatives available in writing for presentation to the steering committee. The steering committee will then make a decision on which course of action will be most beneficial to township and village residents.

Should McConnell file a separate suit, Judge Ziem could still order McConnell to join as an interested party in the lawsuit in his courtroom.

IF ZIEM RULES favorably on both of Brennan's requests, the lawsuit started by the township will involve the following questions:

1. Shall the Oakland County Board of Supervisors be prohibited from proceeding with annexation petitions filed with the county to annex the southern half of the township to the City of Farmington?

2. Shall the State Boundary Commission be ordered to approve the petition filed last October and proceed to set an election to join the township and both villages into a home rule city through incorporation?

3. Shall the Boundary Commission be ordered to accept the substitute petition filed Jan. 21 and set an election to join the township and both villages into a home rule city through consolidation?

The parties then involved would be: Farmington Township vs. State Boundary Commission and Oakland County Board of Supervisors; and

McConnell and the City of Farmington as interested parties.

UNDER BRENNAN'S strategy, if Ziem rules the Boundary Commission was correct in denying the October incorporation petition, the township's cityhood hopes would still be alive because Ziem would then have to rule on the legality of the state's rejection of the substitute.

The substitute asked the Boundary Commission to convert the October incorporation petition into a consolidation request.

Attorney for the county has already told Ziem the supervisors are not concerned with the final decision and will abide by any ruling made.

If Ziem grants both of today's requests, attorneys appearing before him will be Brennan, Greenspan, Hackney and Shifman. Oral arguments on the original township lawsuit will resume March 4.

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